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GROUP 3600

Title: ELEVATOR STRUCTURE MOUNTING SYSTEM HAVING HORIZONTAL COMPRESSION MEMBER FOR REDUCING BUILDING LOADS AT TOP OF HOISTWAY

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified patent application.

Since the number of claims remaining after amendment does not exceed the highest number of claims previously paid for, no additional fee is required.

Please charge the total additional fee (if any) for this amendment, calculated as shown below, to the deposit account and order number shown below; a duplicate copy hereof is enclosed.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED				
FOR	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMEND.	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA AND RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	20	20	0 x \$18.00	\$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4	3	1 x \$78.00	\$ 78.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS		\$260.00		\$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT				\$ 78.00

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Respectfully Submitted,

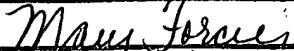


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2001, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1 and 9, as shown on the appended Claim Sheet, to read as follows:

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1. (Amended) An elevator system comprising:  
an elevator assembly disposed within a hoistway and suspended by elevator ropes  
having ends suspended with respect to a pair of rigid structures; and  
a compression member positioned between said rigid structures in such a manner  
so as to counter resultant forces applied to said rigid structures due to a vertical load.

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9. (Amended) An elevator system according to claim 1, wherein  
said vertical load is attributable to said elevator assembly.

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